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SUBJECT: MEDIA TREATMENT OF WILLS' VISIT TO CUBA

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SUMMARY: MEDIA HAS GIVEN FULL BUT NOT FEATURED COVERAGE
OF WILLS' VISIT TO CUBA. REPORTING LACKED SUBSTANCE AND
STRESSED FRIENDLY NATURE OF TALKS HELD THERE. END SUMMARY.

1. GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT
WILLS' DISCUSSIONS WITH CUBAN OFFICIALS CENTERED ON NON-
ALIGNED MOVEMENT, ESPECIALLY PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING MEETING
OF COORDINATION BUREAU OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT TO BE HELD IN
INDIA IN APRIL. CUBA'S HOSTING OF NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT NEXT
YEAR WAS DISCUSSED. TALKS COVERED ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN HAVANA AND GEORGETOWN, AND RELATIONS BETWEEN
CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS
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2. GOG COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 4 AND CARRIED IN
FULL BY PRESS STATED THAT OFFICIALS ON BOTH SIDES HAD
EXPRESSED FULL SATISFACTION WITH DEGREE OF UNITY AND
COINCIDENCE OF VIEWS ON MATTERS DEALT WITH. IT INDI-
CATED THAT WILLS' HOST WAS ISIDORO MALMIERCA, MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WILLS MET WITH CASTRO, CARLOS RAFAEL

RODRIGUEZ, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, MANUEL PINEIRO, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AMERICA OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY, HECTOR RODRIGUEZ LLOMPART, PRESIDENT OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC COLLABORATION, AND ARMANDO TORRES SANTRAYLL, MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

3. CHRONICLE REPORTED THAT AS RESULT OF VISIT, ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO BRING CUBAN JURIST TO GUYANA TO LECTURE.

4. COMMENT: MEDIA DID NOT PLAY UP PROPAGANDA VALUE OF VISIT PROBABLY BECAUSE GOVERNMENT DID NOT WANT TO RAISE EXPECTATIONS OF AID FROM CUBA. WE BELIEVE THAT ONE UNPUBLICIZED PURPOSE OF WILLS' VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS THE LINKS BETWEEN CUBA AND THE OPPOSITION PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (SEPTEL FOLLOWS). THE GOG REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET AND CUBAN FAVORITISM TOWARD THE MOSCOW-LINE PPP AND IS ACTIVELY SEEKING TO NEUTRALIZE AND ISOLATE THE PPP INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY. THE VISIT TO CUBA SHOULD HELP PLACATE RADICALS WITHIN THE PNC BY STRENGTHENING SOCIALIST CREDENTIALS OF GOVERNMENT. DESTABILIZATION THEME SURFACED ONCE IN PRENSA LATINA ARTICLE REPORTING WILLS' COMMENTS ON FORTHCOMING NAM MEETING.
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